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Aleppo Temple Shrine Circus Boston Garden, Sept. 29 to Oct. 4 Inclusive

Gigantic Charity Circus Benefit of Underprivileged Children and Orphans

THE first week in October is to be Shrine Circus Week in Boston! Remember the thrill it gave you back in your kid days—the elephants—the clowns—the performing dogs and horses—lions and tigers—the daring young man, and woman, on the flying trapeze; color—noise—music—all-in-all a gala day. In fact, a high spot in your young life.

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One other thing. Grand Lodge reg-

ulations in Massachusetts have consistently opposed Masonic participation in any amusement or undertaking which, directly or indirectly, involves prize drawings, chances or lottery features. Aleppo Shrine Circus, staged in strict compliance with that policy, at popular prices, and absolutely on its own merits, we feel sure will both merit and receive the cooperative and enthusiastic approval and support of every Mason in Massachusetts.

WE WANT THEM BACK

THE strength of our Temple, and of any similar body, lies not in its material holdings, but in the number and enthusiasm of its membership. In the early days of the depression many good members were forced, through various reasons, to drop their membership. Many of these were eager and loyal supporters. We miss them. We need them, and we stand ready to make their return a simple matter. It's only a case of sitting down together, talking the situation over and finding a solution to the problem.

If you know of any of the good old-time members who do not now hold cards, speak to them, and persuade them to get in touch with the Recorder. You will be doing both them and the Temple a favor.

COMING EVENTS OF ALEPPO TEMPLE

Wednesday, August 20—Second Shrine Golf Tournament.
Woodland Golf Club, Auburndale, Mass.

Sunday, Sept. 14—New Bedford Shrine Club Clam Bake.
All Shriners invited. See detailed article in this issue.

Wednesday, Sept. 17—Shrine Baseball Day at Fenway Park.
Boston Red Sox vs. Cleveland Indians.
(Details later.)

Thursday, Sept. 25—Special Business Meeting at 5 P. M.
For election and obligation of candidates only. No Refreshments. And no heat on candidates.

Saturday, Sept. 27—Northeastern Shrine Council Meeting and Parade.
Hartford, Conn. (Details in September issue.)

Sept. 29 to October 4 Inc.—Shrine Circus.
At Boston Garden. 4 Matinees and 6 Evening performances.

Friday, October 24—Potentate's Ball and Charity Card Party

November—Fall Ceremonial. Date and details later.

December—Annual Shrine Wrestling Night.
Date and details later.

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CONCERNING OUR PERMANENT FUND

THE following copy of letter recently forwarded by the Potentate to each member of the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Fund will doubtless prove of interest to many of the Nobility, reflecting as it does to some extent present investment conditions in this Commonwealth, as well as the fact that the recent vote by the Trustees, passed on the request of the Potentate, to invest \$50,000 of the Fund in *U. S. Defense Bonds* at 2½ per cent should prove of real practical value as well as exemplifying a patriotic service.

"Dear Noble:

"Supplementing vote by the Board of Trustees of our Permanent Fund, unanimously passed at my request on June 3, I have taken the trouble to analyze to a certain extent the situation relating to our deposits in the savings department of 146 different banks in the Commonwealth.

During the calendar year 1941, as compared with the year 1940, the current rate of interest paid on our savings accounts in 146 different banks discloses (a) 84 unchanged; (b) 11 reduced from 3 to 2½%; (c) 48 reduced from 2½ to 2%; (d) one from 2 to 1½%; (e) one from 2 to 1%; and (f) one from 1½ to 1%.

Current rates of interest appear to be as follows: (a) 6 at 3%; (b) 49 at 2½%; (c) 87 at 2%; (d) 2 at 1½%; and (e) 2 at 1%.

Thus during 1941 no less than 62 out of 146 banks have lowered the interest rate ½% or more, and 91 out of these 146 banks now pay 2% or less on savings accounts.

"My suggestion has therefore been, that incident to the authorized prompt purchase of \$50,000 of *U. S. Defense Bonds*, withdrawals be made from such banks as now pay 2% or less, and with interest dates nearest to present date of withdrawal, in order to assure little if any loss of interest incident to these bond purchases.

"My figures would seem to show 33 of the 146 banks (with total deposits amounting to \$136,318.84) now pay 2%

or less and have their semi-annual interest date during the current month of July. Of these 33 banks at least 13, with total savings deposits aggregating \$48,591.19, currently pay 2% or less per annum and have their interest date sometime during the current month of July following the 15th of the month. These 13 banks are numbers 12, 15, 41, 42, 44, 45, 61, 80, 96, 111, 121, 136 and 141 on our list.

"I feel that consistent with reasonable safety, we might seriously consider transfer of at least a part of additional funds now in savings departments paying 2 per cent or less. Interest reductions already in effect so far this year would seem to presage even further reductions by 1942 and it would seem that even conservative investment might well assure a reasonable return on more of our Permanent Fund in excess of the present 2 per cent average.

"Yours in the Faith,

"ROBERT GARDINER WILSON JR.

"Potentate."



NOBLE LOMBARD HONORED

OUR Chief Rabban, Willard P. Lombard, attended a meeting of the National Officers of the Royal Order of Jesters called at Chicago on July 9 by Past Imperial Potentate A. A. D.



ILL. NOBLE WILLARD P. LOMBARD

Rahn of Minneapolis, now the National Director of the Order.

At this meeting Noble Lombard was advanced two positions in the national line of officers owing to the deaths of J. H. Rowland of Shreveport, La., and Les E. Walton, of Springfield, Missouri.

Dr. Caves of Fort Worth, Texas, was elected to the bottom of the line with Roy McCrea of Los Angeles, California.

Noble Lombard originally filled the vacancy caused by the death of Past Imperial Potentate Dana S. Williams, as the only officer representing the northeastern portion of the United States.

The Jesters' organization is made up entirely of Shriners in North America and includes in its membership many outstanding men.

Aleppo looks forward with pleasure to seeing one of its own members become the head of this great organization which supplements the activities of our ancient and arabic order.

HONOR ROLL

THE following is a list of the names of Nobles who signed their names on the top line of applications of new members who have joined Aleppo this year. Number denotes number of applications signed.

JANUARY 25, 1941

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ALEXANDER CAMPBELL
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CARLETON L. CRITCHETT
ARTHUR J. HIGGINS
J. HERBERT HINDS
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GEORGE E. HUNT
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ARTHUR H. PARSONS
J. H. ROBINSON
WALTER M. SMITH
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GEORGE E. TUFTS
WARREN C. WOODWORTH

MAY 23, 1941

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CHARLES H. AMIDON—2
WILLIAM ANDERSON
HARRY J. BAKER
WALTER W. BENSON
ERNEST BOWLER
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL
C. LUTHER CASHIN
EDWARD DALE
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LEON K. HEDISON—2
ELMER B. JONES
ELMER F. LEACH—2
C. HENRY LEARNED
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J. HOWARD MACAULAY
FRED C. MACKINTOSH
CHARLES H. MCGEE
WILLIAM H. MILLER
WILLIAM P. MORGANSTERN—2
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VERNON W. PELLEY
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FREDERICK E. RICHARDSON
WILLIAM J. SHANNON
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ANDREW STENBERG—2
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LET'S GO GOLFING, NOBLES

NOTES OF NOBLES

THE Massachusetts Teachers Federation, under the leadership of Noble Russell V. Burkhard, President of the organization, is taking steps to co-operate in the field of National Defense with various agencies which are concerned with this problem.

The Federation, which has a membership of 20,000 teachers in the state, has established a new committee on Education and Defense, headed by Noble Carlton W. Ray, as chairman. These two Nobles are assisting in bringing about effective cooperation between schools, teachers, and defense activities during this period of emergency.

Noble Smith says, "Too many parents are not on spanking terms with their children."

The old saying, "If you want something done, get a busy man to do it," has again proved to be correct. In the recent national drive for old aluminum, Noble Leelan E. Witney, Managing Director of the Hotel Kenmore of Boston, was appointed chairman of the drive for Massachusetts. Noble Witney took two weeks off from his hotel business to give his entire time in directing the drive which has again put him on the front pages of the papers and won him the title of "Head Junkman." He says he doesn't mind the monica a bit, so long as the people of the state will come across with about 8,000,000 pounds of the metal, which is the goal set for Massachusetts.

As we go to press, the drive is steaming ahead, with a few more days to go, and judging from the collecting bins placed in town squares and city parks, Noble Witney is going to make as much of a success of the junk business as he has the hotel business.

Noble Jones says, "A woman looks on a secret in two ways, either it is not worth keeping or it is too good to keep."

The newly elected Imperial Potentate, illustrious Noble Thomas C. Law of Atlanta, Georgia, has started right in making his trips around the circuit visiting the home cities of the Temples in North America.

His first official itinerary, starting July 26, will take him through the northwestern part of the United States and western Canada, at which time he will visit approximately seventeen Temples of the Order. He is also slated to visit on this trip, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon, Lake Louise and Banff in Canada, and will be present at the session of the Mid-West Shrine Council to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the latter part of the month.

The Imperial Potentate will arrive back at his home in Georgia, September 1, and after a brief rest will start out again on another visitation, probably to the northeastern section of the jurisdiction.

Noble Brown says, "A woman's promise to be on time carries a lot of wait."

Noble James H. Wilson of Fall River recently sent to Shrine headquarters a shipment of tin foil weighing 150 pounds. Noble Wilson advised that the foil was collected for the Crippled Children's Hospital work, by the Assonet Grange, No. 317, of Assonet, Mass. The shipment has been acknowledged and we hope the Grange and Noble Wilson will keep up the good work. Noble Wilson's office is at 174 Bank Street and he will be glad to receive any tin foil left there for the Shrine.

Noble White says, "We call our rich relatives, the kin we love to touch."

Any Nobles who anticipate traveling in the vicinity of Atlantic City, N. J., September 19, 20 and 21, should be sure to pack their Shrine card and fez, as those are the dates set for the Crescent Temple Frolics. Twelve Temples have already signified their intentions of attending with their uniformed units. The Imperial and many of his Imperial Divan officers will attend. The tentative program includes a street parade, a frolic and dance in the ball room of the Atlantic City Auditorium and many other features, all free to Nobles, their ladies and friends.

Noble Stone says, "Alimony is a man's cash surrender value."

The latest and most practical chain letter is claimed to have been discovered by Noble Carter. He claims the letter started in Reno in hopes of bringing happiness to all tired business men. Unlike most chains this one does not cost money. The idea is to simply send a copy of the letter to five male friends. Then bundle up your wife and send her to the fellow whose name heads the list. When your name works to the top you will, in turn, receive 15,186 gorgeous girls. You must have faith and by all means not break the chain. One man broke the chain and got his own wife back.

Lady Reformer: "You notice I place the worm in water, it wiggles, it lives! I then place it in a glass of vile whiskey. Notice, it dies a sudden death! Does this, ladies and gentlemen, mean anything to you?"

Noble Eddie: "Yeah. It means I'll never have worms."

Subject of national notice for his effective and unusual public appeal is the newly elected Senator from Texas, W. Lee O'Daniel. Campaigning in individual fashion he was elected and re-elected as Governor and again was victorious in the senatorial race. Noble "Pappy" O'Daniel is a member of Moslah Temple, Forth Worth, Texas.

Walter says:

"Forget to kick, forget to scold,
Forget the heat, forget the cold,
Forget to frown, forget the blues,
But, DON'T FORGET TO PAY
YOUR DUES."

Noble E. A. McKinnon, of Boston, participated in the handicap golf

Championship of Karnak Temple of Montreal, Canada, recently and won the prize for the low net for out-of-town Shriners with a nice 76.

Better come out to our next Aleppo Tournament at Woodland, Noble McKinnon, and take a shot at that Potentate's Cup.

Two little girls were comparing progress in catechism study: "I've got to original sin," said one. "How far have you got?"

"Me? Oh, I'm way beyond redemption," said the other.

Noble! Have you signed up that friend for membership in Aleppo at the next meeting?

Among the noted fez wearers in the service are the First Ceremonial Master of Sphinx Temple of Hartford, Conn., Major General Morris B. Payne, commanding the 43rd division at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Brigadier General Ralph K. Robertson, Past Potentate of Ismailia Temple of Buffalo, N. Y. Brigadier General Dwight H. Mohr is a member of Boumi Temple of Baltimore, Md., and Colonel Cassius M. Dowell at Fort Dix, holder of the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star and Purple is a member of Ismailia Temple of Buffalo, N. Y.

Military Adviser to the Industrial Aviation Committee in the Detroit area is the noted flyer, Major James H. Doolittle, of Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles, Cal. Jimmy is in charge of air corps procurement out Detroit way. Jimmy, Jr., recently followed his father's trail and joined the Air Corps.

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NOBLE HUBERT A. WHITE WINS FIRST SHRINE GOLF TOURNAMENT

THE first Aleppo Temple Golf Tournament of the season brought forth a surprise winner in Noble Hubert A. White, who had the best round of his career when he posted an 87-64 in the Medal Handicap Tournament to annex the beautiful Potentate's Trophy presented by Ill. Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

One hundred and one golfing Shriners and their guests stormed the newly revised and lengthened course of the Commonwealth Country Club, Wednesday, July 16, to compete for the coveted Potentate's cup and the many other prizes offered by the committee.

As in all Shrine Golf Tournaments, a large share of the activity was concentrated around the Kickers' Handicap Tournament, with the range set between 70 and 80.

NEXT TOURNAMENT AUG. 20

The second Aleppo Golf Tournament has been set for Wednesday, August 20, to be played at the very popular Woodland Golf Club layout located in Auburndale. The details of this activity will be found in a notice elsewhere in this issue.

Noble Harry J. Carlson, President of Woodland, has invited the Golfing Nobles to come out and enjoy a day of golf at his club. The committee already is making plans for this event which is expected to bring out a record crowd of Nobles and their friends. Another Potentate's Trophy, similar to the one that brought so much comment at Commonwealth, will be donated by Potentate Wilson. The committee also assures us another large collection of valuable prizes for the event and the Club promises a steak dinner in the evening that will tickle the fancy of the most exacting connoisseur.

So, shine up your hockey sticks, Noble, and reserve the date, Wednesday, August 20, 1941, for a day of golf, gayety and good-fellowship at Woodland.



MASONIC INFLUENCES

By Charles B. Heald, I. O. O. F. Home,
Concord, N. H.

IT is a fact well known among the Craft that Masonry greatly influenced events that led to the beginning of our nation. The spark that fired the Revolution came from the pure lights of equality, brotherhood and veneration that always shine upon its altar; and master minds of the fraternity were those who formulated our constitution of liberty and justice. Added to this, early Masonry in this land had much to do also to dispel and check the bigotry and intolerance that came to our shores.

That its teachings of charity, morality and fatherhood of God, it is difficult to believe, were assailed here only a bit over a century ago. Such, however, is true, and told by historian,



SHRINE GOLF COMMITTEE—Seated, left to right, Asst. Recorder Harvey B. Leggee, Secretary of Tourney; Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Potentate; Noble Wallace D. Riddell, 1st Ceremonial Master. Standing, left to right, Noble Fred C. Mackintosh, Treasurer of Tourney; Noble Edmund J. Harvey, Chairman of prizes; Noble Jerome Turrell, Handicapper.

Photo courtesy of Boston Globe.

Alonzo Lewis. In the "Lewis History of Lynn" (Mass.) published at Boston, in 1829, we may read under the date of that year, the following:

"Great excitement was occasioned this year in Lynn, as it had been in many other towns for some time previous, by the disclosures respecting Freemasonry. On the first of April, Mr. Jacob Allen of Braintree, gave an exhibition of some of the alleged mysteries of that institution, at Liberty Hall; on the sixth, the inhabitants, in town meeting, voted, that they regarded Freemasonry 'as a great moral evil,' and its existence 'as being dangerous to all free governments;' and gave Mr. Allen the use of the Town Hall to continue his exhibitions." Thus early was Masonry called to fight the Hitlerism of intolerance; and may it long so continue.

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BY NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY

Associate Editor

AUGUST is the quiet month—no meetings—no contacts—apparently. Many members are away. Whenever they are there is likely to be something doing, and it might be worth writing about, if we only knew.

Major and Mrs. Vaughan are doing the Maine golf courses together. Ben is a real golfer and gets no more thrill in breaking par than most of us do in breaking 100. Dr. Stacey is visiting the Virginia beaches and Dr. Beckman is getting his thrills in the North Shore waters with his new power cruiser.

Wedding bells rang for a lovely "daughter of the regiment" on that torrid Saturday, July 28. Miss Virginia Lynn, daughter of our Russ Lynn, was married to Mr. John Messina at the Medford Episcopal Church. They will live at Auburn, Maine, where Mr. Messina is a teacher in the High School. The patrol members wish them every happiness.

There was heaps of fun at the July golf tournament of Aleppo Temple at the Commonwealth Course, on the 16th. There were about 125 players out, including twenty members of the patrol. I wouldn't betray them by publishing the members' scores—apparently most of them "blew up" soon after starting, and some, from the start—but they all had a good time.

The trophy given by Potentate Wilson for the lowest net score in the handicap medal was won by Noble Hubert White, with an 87-64. Noble George Dolloff had the low gross of 81. The best actual scoring performance was produced by a guest, Irving Sherwood of Lexington, who carded a 39-40-79, the only sub-80 round of the day. The long drive honors went to a guest, Francis Angino, of Riverside, with a wallop of 285 yards off the first tee. Noble Jim Krigman, of the Boston Globe, lashed out a 275-yard drive for a second—not bad for a little fellow. Of the patrol members, Capt. Henry Keough had the lowest number of putts for the day, made by a member, totalling 28. A good score in the medal play was made by our Beau Brummel

of the fourth platoon—a 5-handicap player, who masqueraded under the unusual name of "John Smith"—Tommie made a 77 net. John Lane, of the first platoon, did well with a 90 gross and 76 net. In the higher handicap class, "Chappie," of the fourth platoon, did well, with a 75 net. Potentate Wilson was on hand to join in the festivities as were several of his aides, including Nobles Lynn, McStay, Ellis and Shannon. Also everybody was delighted to see Past Potentate Harry Pollard, who, somehow, always manages to be on hand when any Aleppo event is scheduled. Harvey Leggee, as usual, was in charge of the tournament, and Ned Harvey was responsible for the large number of prizes provided.

It is too early to learn much about our Fall program, except that there is to be the trip to Hartford, on Saturday, September 27, and the circus in October. Potentate Peterson of Sphinx Temple is planning an attractive program for the New England Shrine Council meeting. It is hoped that every member of the Uniformed Units and a good number of the Nobility will attend. As for the circus, there will be plenty of opportunity for the members to make themselves useful.

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NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB CLAMBAKE, SEPTEMBER 14

SHRINERS of the Southeastern Massachusetts Shrine Club drafted plans for the annual outing at the semi-yearly meeting held in Cornell Hall, New Bedford, Mass., on Friday evening, July 18. With an early start and unusual enthusiasm the Nobles expect to surpass all previous field days.

President William Stitt presided at the session with a large attendance of members present. Treasurer William Kenworthy presented a financial statement and report of club activities which showed splendid progress and a healthy condition.

The outing will feature as usual a clam bake and will be held Sunday, September 14, in Whitfield's Grove, Tinkhamtown, Mattapoisett, Mass.

Members of the New Bedford Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, have been invited to participate and lend the customary support to the event. All Shriners and friends of the fraternity are invited to attend.

Committees were named as follows, to supervise the program:

Bake—Fred F. Cowden, Francis J. Denby, Dr. Frank Birtwistle, Norman Renne, Thomas W. Whitfield and Julius Rusitzky.

Tickets—Charles E. Davis, Jr.; William Kenworthy, William Beserosky, Harry Anderson, J. J. Greenberg; William Stitt.

Sports and Prizes—Chairman, Benjamin Cohen, Andrew Loneragan; Arthur L. Marcoux, James Lees and Walter Butler.

Path Finders—Albert B. Cook, Fred G. Tewson, William Bubbins.

Keepers of the Game—Joseph G. Dean, Fred Hayward.

Reservations should be made by Friday, September 12, either through committee members or writing the Secretary at P. O. Box 166, New Bedford, Mass.

Transportation will be arranged from the New Bedford Hotel to the

Grove and the trail will be blazed from the Fairhaven Bridge so that all Nobles and their friends may attend without difficulty.

This field day is one of the Club's foremost events each year and has grown in popularity year by year. There will be plenty of action from 10 in the morning until the twilight hours and Nobles should mark their calendars and invite their friends for a fine day in the heart of the woods with a clam bake and other features to make it highly enjoyable, on Sunday, September 14.



SOUTH SHORE NEWS

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES
Associate Editor

MASONIC Temples in Quincy, Braintree, Randolph, Weymouth and Hingham all being put in great shape for a long list of Fall activities that should be tops. Nearly every Lodge has candidates for the first meeting.

Too busy to even have an outing or pilgrimage to the Masonic home. Not one activity this summer in any Masonic bodies. In the Star, White Shrine and Amaranth, they have had group meetings during July, but August is a complete shut-down for vacations.

Wandering around the dock at Plymouth, just off the famous rock, and met Fred Harris, a quarter of a century Tyler in Plymouth Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He has seen every member of the Lodge today, raised in his many years in the Craft. He received a distinguished service medal some time ago. Also in the Royal Arch chapter for 27 years. Fred wears an Aleppo Shrine pin and gets a great kick out of the meetings. In 19 years he missed two

meetings of his Blue Lodge. At that time he was in the hospital and the nurses sort of clamped down on his idea of sneaking out for a Lodge meeting. Fact is he could not find his clothes.

Specially interested in the two boats of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce which were heading out to sea for an afternoon of fishing. Think, at least 20 of the 40 were Alepponians. Same at the sporting events and golf outings.

Really the only thing that made a stir in the Craft during the summer was the New England Grotto outing at Portsmouth, R. I., Sunday, July 27. As you wander around and see the familiar faces, you wonder if it is a Grotto or a Shrine affair. About the only way you would know is by the black fez worn.

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